ABSTRACT

The present invention includes a receiver for a firearm having a front recess to receive a barrel. The receiver has a load/eject recess port open to the front recess and to a side or bottom of the receiver to allow the insertion and removal of a cartridge from the receiver. A slit along the front recess and the load/eject recess port together form a single opening along the receiver whereby the receiver can expand to allow the insertion of a barrel into the front recess. Included is a firearm having the receiver of the invention.